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Community-based Disaster Risk Management in the Central Highlands



Village emergency volunteers in Kon Tum equipped with skills and knowledge on rescue and research

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Key Government of Vietnam Counterparts

Kon Tum Provincial Committee for Flood and Storm Control

Department of Education and Training

Duration

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Prime Implementer:

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The Community-based Disaster Risk Management in the Central Highlands project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, is working to increase the resilience and capabilities of vulnerable populations (especially children and ethnic minorities) and communities to better prepare for, mitigate and respond to the impact of natural disasters.

The project works with communities in disaster prone areas to increase their knowledge, awareness, and capacity to mitigate and respond to future disasters. Activities include the formation of Communication Groups involving women, minorities, and children, which conduct local discussions in communities and schools on disaster preparedness and mitigation measures.

The project also increases commune and institution-level capacity to cope with and respond to disasters through disaster risk management activities, including participatory assessments, small-scale mitigation projects and installation of a local early warning system. Working with local counterparts, the project is supporting the formation and capacity building of key technical staff from the local Committees for Flood and Storm Control, Red Cross, Women's Union, Youth Union, and the Department of Education and Training. Building the capacity of the responsible persons will help to ensure the continued implementation of Vietnam's National Program on CBDRM in poor and rural provinces.

Finally, the project disseminates best practices to serve as a model for government counterparts to replicate as they continue to support rural communities' efforts to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters.

KEY RESULTS

To date, the project has

- helped 32 communities and schools develop Disaster Risk Reduction Plans to prepare for future disasters;
- made 28,716 local people and children more aware of the risks of disasters and prepared to mitigate the impact of future disasters;
- equipped 32 emergency response teams with emergency kits and to respond to disasters, reaching over 1000 people; and
- trained 1,169 local authorities, mass organizations, and community volunteers on disaster preparedness and management.